



RHODE ISLAND CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD

The Rhode Island Children's Book Award encourages children to read. This award is co-sponsored by the Rhode Island Educational Media Association, the Rhode Island Library Association and the Rhode Island State Council of the International Reading Association. The Book Award Committee, representing the three organizations, compiled the list of 2010-2011 books from nominated titles submitted by librarians, teachers, children and others. We present this list to you now, so that you can recommend these books for summer reading and plan for read-alouds in the fall. Students can begin to obtain these books from their schools and public libraries, and teachers can begin to share them with their classes.

We ask that students read and/or listen to at least three (3) books from the attached annotated list and then vote for their favorite! Those children who will be in grades 3-6 during February 2011 are eligible to vote. Voting will take place at participating schools and libraries by mid-February 2011, and the winning author will be invited to receive the award in the fall of 2011.

Books were selected according to the following criteria:

1. Titles nominated should be appropriate for grades 3-6
2. Fiction and nonfiction titles published during 2008 and 2009 were eligible.
3. Nominated titles must be currently in print.
4. A title listed once may not be nominated again.
5. Only one title per author may be nominated each year.
6. Authors must be currently living in the United States at the time of the nomination.
7. The winning author will be excluded from nomination the following year.
8. All nominated books should have literary value.
9. Editors of collected works by others authors will not be considered.

Rhode Island Children's Book Award Nomination Booklist: 2011

- Chin, Jason. *Redwoods*. Roaring Book Press, 2009. 978-1-59643-430-1/\$16.99-Nonfiction
Subjects: Redwoods, Coast Redwoods, Giant Sequoias, Trees, Pacific Northwest, Science, Ecology, Botany, Nature, Fantasy
- Davies, Jacqueline. *Tricking the Tallyman*. Alfred A. Knopf, 2009. 978-0-375-83909-2/\$17.99-Fiction
Subjects: Census, History, 1790, Humor, Vermont, Schemes
- DeGross, Monalisa. *Donavan's Double Trouble*. Amistad Harper Collins, 2008. 978-0-06-077293-2/\$15.99-Fiction
Subjects: People with Disabilities, Math Anxiety, School, African Americans, Friendship, Paraplegics, Heritage
- DiTerlizzi, Tony. *Kenny and the Dragon*. Simon and Schuster, 2008. 978-1-4169-3977-1/\$15.99-Fiction
Subjects: Dragons, Knights/Knighthood, Farm Life, Theater, Rabbits, Family, Friendship, Loyalty, Fairy Tales
- Gaiman, Neil. *Odd and the Frost Giants*. HarperCollins, 2009. 978-0-06-167173-9/\$14.99- Fiction
Subjects: Norse Mythology, Vikings, Giants, Fantasy, Folklore, Coming of Age, Adventure
- Giff, Patricia Reilly. *Wild Girl*. Wendy Lamb Books, 2009. 978-0-375-83890-3/\$15.99-Fiction
Subjects: Horses, Immigration, English Language Learners, Brazilians, New York, Father-Daughter Relationships, Brothers, Family Dynamics, Coming of Age
- Graff, Lisa. *Umbrella Summer*. Harper Collins, 2009. 978-0-06-143187-6/\$15.99- Fiction
Subjects: Death, Friendship, Grief, Siblings, Worry, Safety
- Harley, Avis. *African Acrostics*. Candlewick Press, 2009. 978-0-7636-3621-0/\$17.99-Nonfiction
Subjects: Poetry, Acrostic Poems, Animals, Africa
- Jenkins, Steve. *Never Smile at a Monkey*. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2009. 978-0-618-96620-2/\$16.00-Nonfiction
Subjects: Dangerous Animals, Science, Animal Behavior, Survival, Nature
- Klise, Kate. *Dying to Meet You*. Harcourt, 2009. 978-0-15-205727-5/\$15.00-Fiction
Subjects: Authors, Letters, Haunted Mansions, Ghosts, Humor, Friendships, Writer's Block
- Lin, Grace. *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*. Little, Brown and Company, 2009. 978-0-316-11427-1/\$16.00-Fiction
Subjects: Fairy Tales, Dragons, Moon, Family, Adventure, Magic
- Mass, Wendy. *Eleven Birthdays*. Scholastic Press, 2009. 978-0-545-05239-9/\$14.44-Fiction
Subjects: Birthdays, Time, Friendship, Interpersonal Relationships, Family Feuds, Fantasy
- McGinty, Alice B. *Darwin*. Houghton Mifflin, 2009. 978-0-618-99531-8/\$18.00-Nonfiction
Subjects: Charles Darwin, Biography, Natural History, Evolution, Voyages, Career Choice, HMS Beagle
- Mills, Claudia. *How Oliver Olson Changed the World*. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2009. 978-0-374-33487-1/\$15.99-Fiction
Subjects: Solar System, Science Projects, School, Homework Assignments, Parent/Child Relationships, Friendship, Humor
- Philbrick, Rodman. *The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg*. The Blue Sky Press, 2009. 978-0-439-66818-7/\$16.99-Fiction
Subjects: Civil War, Brothers, Humor, Friendships, Tricksters, Evil Stepfathers, Adventure, Underground Railroad, Medicine Shows
- Prineas, Sarah. *The Magic Thief*. Harper Collins, 2008. 978-0-06-137587-3/\$16.99-Fiction
Subjects: Magic, Wizards, Apprentices, Fantasy, Mystery, Thievery, Runes, Danger
- Russell, Ching Yeung. *Tofu Quilt*. Lee & Low, 2009. 978-1-60060-423-2/\$16.95-Fiction
Subjects: China 1960's, Family Life, Growing Up, Novels in Verse, Determination, Memoirs, Poetry
- Sturm, James. *Adventures in Cartooning*. First Second Books, 2009. 978-1-59643-369-4/\$12.99-Nonfiction
Subjects: Cartoons and Comics, Comic Books, Strips, etc.-Technique, Drawing-Technique, Graphic Novels, Princesses, Elves, Knights, Dragons, Fairy Tales, Adventure, Humor
- Tolan, Stephanie S. *Wishworks, Inc.* Arthur A. Levine Books, 2009. 978-0-545-03154-7/\$15.99-Fiction
Subjects: Imagination, Wishes, Dogs, Friendship, Divorce, Moving, Bullies, Sisters
- Yep, Laurence. *The Dragon's Child*. HarperCollins, 2008. 978-0-06-027692-8/\$15.99-Fiction
Subjects: Emigration and Immigration, Fathers and Sons, Chinese Americans, Stuttering, China 1912-1928, Angel Island, San Francisco, California 1850-1950



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NOMINATIONS**

1. Chin, Jason. *Redwoods* Grades 3-4
An abandoned book about redwood trees magically transports a boy from a subway car to a giant redwood forest. Journey with him from the forest floor to the towering top of one of these fascinating trees, meeting birds, animals and even other trees growing and living along the way.
2. Davies, Jacqueline. *Tricking the Tallyman* Grades 3-6
Gathering the first census in 1790 could not be more dangerous... or funny? Enjoy the antics this town provides a weary tallyman.
3. DeGross, Monalisa. *Donavan's Double Trouble* Grades 4-6
Donavan had hoped fourth grade would be his best year yet. When his Uncle Vic comes home from war in a wheelchair and Donavan struggles with math, he feels sad and confused. Will he be able to turn fourth grade around?
4. DiTerlizzi, Tony. *Kenny and the Dragon* Grades 3-5
Kenny Rabbit has two best friends, George the Badger and Grahame the Dragon. When George is sent to slay the dragon Kenny must create a plan to save his friends and satisfy the dragon-crazed townspeople.
5. Gaiman, Neil. *Odd and the Frost Giants* Grades 3-5
Odd, a 12-year-old boy of ancient Norway, with a string of bad luck, sets out on a quest. Along the way, he befriends a fox, an eagle and a bear (transformed Norse gods) who in their current predicament must rely upon Odd to outwit the Frost Giants.
6. Giff, Patricia Reilly. *Wild Girl* Grades 4-6
Lidie is finally joining her father and brother in New York after five years apart. The reunion isn't what she expected. Can their new horse, Wild Girl, help this human wild girl settle into her new life?
7. Graff, Lisa. *Umbrella Summer* Grades 4-6
Ten-year-old Annie worries about everything since the unexpected death of her brother Jared, but with the help of a new neighbor she is learning how to close her umbrella and enjoy living again.
8. Harley, Avis. *African Acrostics* Grades 3-6
Look carefully! Take a safari through Africa and spot the wild animals as they leap to life in stunning photographs and clever acrostic poems. Inside every acrostic lurks a secret message.
9. Jenkins, Steve. *Never Smile at a Monkey: and 17 Other Important Things to Remember* Grades 3-5
Discover how dangerous unusual animals can be. They protect themselves in surprising ways that can be unexpectedly hazardous to your health. Their teeth, claws, spines and venom can be deadly.

10. Klise, Kate. *Dying to Meet You* Grades 3-6
A writer moves into an old mansion expecting to find some peace and quiet to break his writer's block. Instead, he finds that he is sharing living quarters with an 11-year old boy and a ghost. The ghost does not plan to share anything with the writer, especially her home. The story is told through newspaper accounts and letters.
11. Lin, Grace. *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* Grades 4-6
With the help of a magical goldfish and a flightless dragon, Minli embarks on an adventure to find the Old Man of the Moon who she hopes will help to change her family's fortune.
12. Mass, Wendy. *Eleven Birthdays* Grades 4-6
Amanda's eleventh birthday should have been a happy occasion but this year everything goes wrong. She can't wait for the day to be over. But on the next day Amanda wakes up to find it's STILL her 11th birthday!
13. McGinty, Alice B. *Darwin* Grades 3-6
What do you do when you've flunked out of school? Go to medical school of course! And then head off on the adventure of a lifetime. Follow Charles Darwin from unsuccessful student to fame after his around the world trip on the HMS Beagle.
14. Mills, Claudia. *How Oliver Olson Changed the World* Grades 3-4
What if your parents did your homework for you? Sound fantastic? Meet Oliver Olson, a boy who doesn't think it's so great, in this very funny story. With inspiration from the Planet Pluto, a classmate named Crystal, and his own creativity, Oliver finally finds some of the independence he so desperately wants.
15. Philbrick, Rodman. *The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg* Grades 5-6
What is a boy to do when his guardian illegally sells his only brother to the Union Army? The only thing a courageous boy can do is to use all his wits and his ability to tell tall tales to find his brother. In a madcap adventure of a lifetime, Homer meets many rascals and guardian angels along his journey. During his ordeal, he finds what friendship and family really means.
16. Prineas, Sarah. *The Magic Thief* Grades 4-6
A young thief is drawn into the life of danger and adventure after picking the pocket of a very powerful wizard. Evil is afoot in the city of Wellmet, an evil that is not human. Will the thief who becomes the wizard's apprentice be able to save the city?
17. Russell, Ching Yeung. *Tofu Quilt* Grades 4-6
Written in free verse poems, this tender tale tells of a young girl growing up in 1960's China. Yeung Ying overcomes the limits placed on her by society and family when she is granted the opportunity to go to school and become a writer.
18. Sturm, James. *Adventures in Cartooning: How to Turn Your Doodles into Comics* Grades 3-6
An impatient knight, a cowardly horse, and a magical elf set off to rescue a princess and slay a dragon - and along the way learn to make comics - in this rip-roaring adventure.
19. Tolan, Stephanie. *Wishworks, Inc.* Grades 3-5
When Max gets the opportunity to see his wish for a pet realized, the scrawny mutt he's saddled with isn't quite the dog he envisioned. Be careful what you wish for!
20. Yep, Laurence. *The Dragon's Child: A Story of Angel Island* Grades 3-6
In 1922, 10-year-old Gim Lew reluctantly leaves his village in China to go with his father to America, but before they leave he must prepare for a grueling test that he must pass, without stuttering, at California's Angel Island.

Please Register by June 1, 2010

Schools and libraries must register each year even if they have participated previously in order to keep our contact information current

Please email your registration information to:
RICBA9@yahoo.com

Please include:

Name of school
Name of school District
School address
Contact person and school principal

Any school faculty member may coordinate this program. One or all eligible classes in a building may participate. Public libraries are also invited to participate.

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Rhode Island Children's Book Award Time Line

Nominations list published	March 2010
Schools return participation slips	June 2010
Ballot distribution to schools	January 2011
Voting	February 2011
Announcement of award	March 2011
Award ceremony	Fall 2011

